



EXCELLENCE IN EARLY EDUCATION



DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,

Another year has flown by, and we are again given the opportunity to reminisce about all we have accomplished at Winter Park Day Nursery (WPDN) over the past year. As we work our way through 2016, we are grateful for all the lessons we learned in 2015.

The buzz in the community about WPDN continued to increase, with community supporters saying wonderful things about us. In turn, our waitlist for services continued to grow, topping out at nearly 120 students in 2015. Along with this increased interest and excitement about what we do comes the chance to explore how our programs need to grow or change to support the changing environment and economic climate.

Last year was the second year of our Successful Transitions program, which is funded in part by the Heart of Florida United Way. We love being able to stay in touch with our graduates and see their continuous progress through this initiative. It helps us see where our alumni are excelling, and which areas of their learning we can improve to better support our students and their families' success in Kindergarten and beyond. We are eager to hear how our students do in year three, and look forward to the opportunity to stay in touch with our amazing graduates!

Without the support of all our generous donors, volunteers and board members, we wouldn't be able to excel at educating young children and their families. WPDN has an amazing staff to run our programs, but we rely on the support of our community to help make it all happen.

Thank you for all you do, and have done, to make Winter Park Day Nursery the community resource it is today.



Ali Di Maria

Executive Director



OUR MISSION

Winter Park Day Nursery provides a secure, nurturing, educational environment that is affordable & supports family diversity.

OUR VISION

Winter Park Day Nursery will build a stronger community by providing high-quality, affordable early childhood education that will prepare our children to succeed in school and life.



OUR VALUES

Accessibility

We believe that every child deserves a high-quality preschool education, so we offer scholarships to make our program affordable for all families.

Quality

We believe that by upholding the highest standards, we inspire others. WPDN is accredited by the National Accreditation Commission (NAC) for Early Care and Education Programs.

Diversity

We believe that valuing different perspectives is vital to the success of our mission. Our school family reflects the rich diversity of our community.

Support

We believe that nurturing children means supporting their families with resources like parenting education, healthy meals, behavioral and developmental services, and an emergency food and clothing pantry.

Impact

We believe in advancing the community-wide quality of preschool education by serving as a demonstration site for best practices and advocating for the cause of early childhood education.



"As a single father, I'm often cast aside or treated initially as a secondary parent when beginning a new relationship with my children's doctors, teachers, etc. I've already experienced the difference now that my daughter has started her new kindergarten. I truly miss the quaintness and family atmosphere you have created at WPDN. Everyone knew our names, was always friendly and ready to be helpful. I can't thank you guys enough for the way my children and I were treated as well as how you were able to prepare us for the next stages in their schooling."

- Former WPDN Parent, 2015



A SNAPSHOT OF 2015

95

total students
(ages 2-5)

30

Voluntary Pre-K
graduates

119

children on
the wait list

293

volunteers at
the school

59,280

nutritious meals
and snacks

81

hours of
parent education

85%

of students received
tuition scholarships

357

hours on
the playground

10

pounds of food
from the garden

6

two-year-olds
per teacher

9

three-year-olds
per teacher

10

pre-kindergarteners
per teacher

WPDN'S 76TH YEAR



◀◀ In February, we discovered a serious plumbing issue in one wall. We had to evacuate the school for several days to fix the leak! Thanks to our friends at the First United Methodist Church of Winter Park, our students were still able to attend school (in their facilities) and our families could still go to work. Our staff pulled together to make a quick move while the church's staff provided fantastic, immediate support, allowing us to stay in business for those few days.



◀◀ We received the City of Winter Park's First Quarter 2015 Business Recognition Program award "in appreciation for [our] dedicated service, outstanding accomplishments and loyalty in making Winter Park a great place for business." We were honored to be recognized among the amazing businesses of Winter Park. As a nonprofit preschool, we receive unparalleled community support!

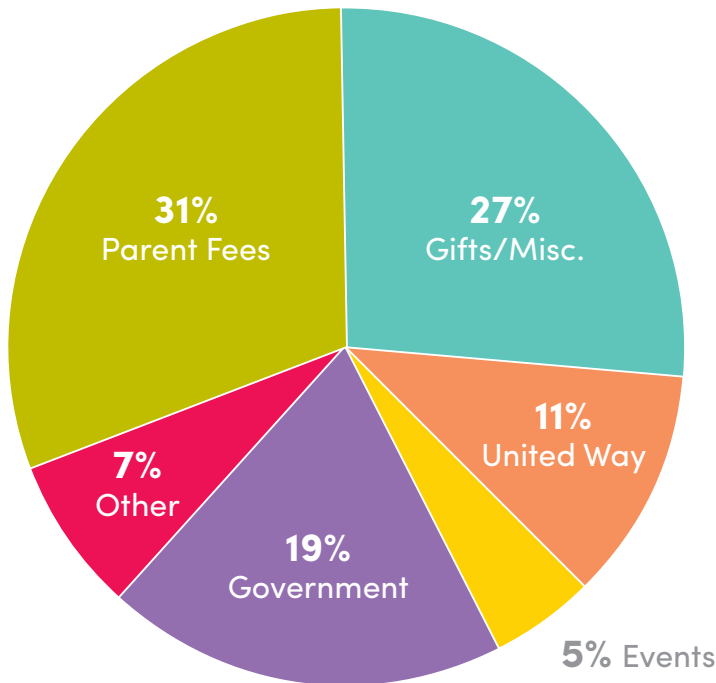


◀◀ In October, Heart of Florida United Way (HFUW) kicked off its local ReadingPals program with a media event at WPDN. HFUW-sponsored programs like this connect passionate volunteers with students who need extra help developing essential literacy skills, using both reading tablets and traditional books. Part of a statewide initiative to promote early literacy, ReadingPals began in 2012, led by Carol and Barney Barnett. Our students have enjoyed many stories with their "ReadingPals!"



◀◀ To continue helping WPDN students make healthy choices, the Fresh Stop Bus brought fresh fruits and vegetables to our students and made them delicious smoothies. It stayed on site for the afternoon so parents could purchase produce when picking up their children. As envisioned by Hebni Nutrition Consultants, "the Fresh Stop Bus is a mobile farmers market created to serve in-need neighborhoods. The program offers fresh fruits and vegetables in community-centered locations and at budget-friendly prices."

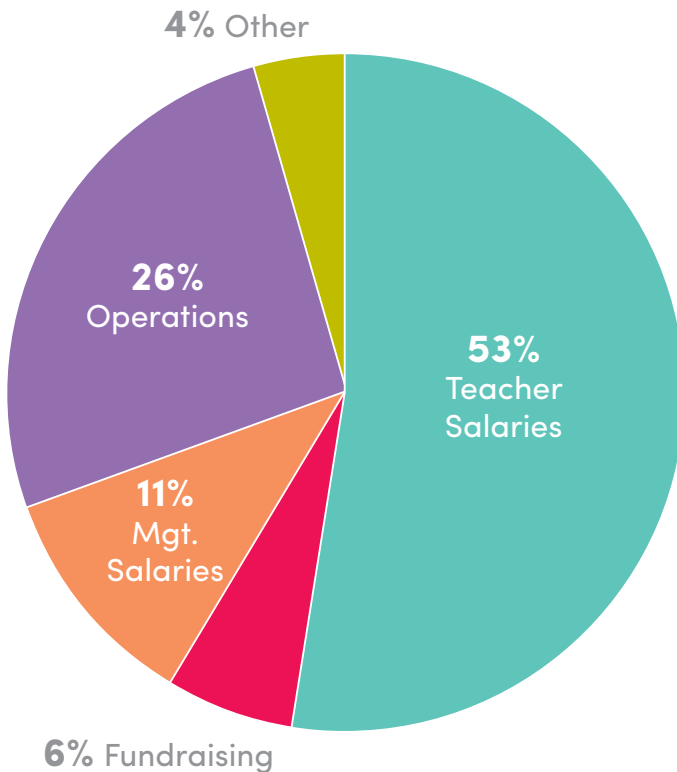
2015 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



Total Income:
\$820,681

Government: VPK, school readiness,
food program

Misc.: interest, parent fundraiser,
federal/state employee campaigns



Total Expenses:
\$772,892

Operations: facility maintenance,
insurance, utilities, office supplies,
computer expenses, advertising,
depreciation

Other: contract labor, education & food
programs, professional fees

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